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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above amendments. This Amendment paper is filed concurrently with an RCE. Claims 40-56 are added and supported in Applicants' disclosure. Claims 11, 13, 15, 21-23, 25, 29-34, 36, and 38 are canceled. No new matter has been added. Of the claims remaining, claims 10, 16, 20, 37, and 39 were previously considered allowable. Claims 10, 16, 20, 37, and 39-56 are pending.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the pending claims are allowable. Favorable consideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. If any questions arise regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative listed below.



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Respectfully submitted,

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